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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 19-21, 26, 54-63, 67-69 and 72-74 were previously cancelled.

Claims 2-18, 23-25, 27-53, 64, 66, 72 and 76-81 are requested cancelled in the current response.

Claims 22, 65, 70, and 75 are allowed as indicated in the Examiner's Office Action dated March 29, 2004.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejects Claims 2-18, 23-25, 27-53, 64, 66, 71, and 76-81 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for written description and enablement.

Applicants traverse grounds for rejection as stated in the response dated November 17, 2003. However the Applicants have cancelled the aforementioned claims for the purpose of expediting allowance. The Applicants maintain the right to submit cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejects Claims 27, 30, 37, 38, 41, 42, 46, 47, and 51 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Applicants traverse the grounds for rejection but have cancelled the aforementioned claims for the purpose of expediting allowance.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 101 and 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejects Claims 16-18 under 35 USC § 101 and 35 USC § 112.

The Applicants traverse the grounds for rejection but have cancelled the aforementioned claims for the purpose of expediting allowance.

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Claim rejections under 35 USC § 102

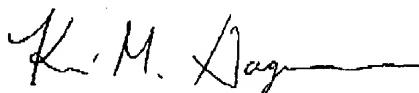
The Examiner rejects Claims 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishida et al.

The Applicants have cancelled Claims 16-18.

CONCLUSION

This response is being filed within two months of the date the final office action mailed March 29, 2004. In view of the cancellation of non-allowed claims, the Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for Claims 22, 65, 70, and 75 from the Examiner at her nearest convenience.

Respectfully submitted.



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